



URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

8:00AM Saturday January 21, 2012

Learning Resource Center, 2800 Spirit of Texas Dr.

Austin, Texas 78719

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Patrick Brewer, Chair

Tom Hayes, Vice Chair

Ryan Fleming

Nicholas Classen

Peggy Maceo

Christopher Kite

April Rose

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

City Code under section 6-3-5 states that “with the assistance of the urban forester, the [Urban Forestry] board shall develop and revise the [Comprehensive Urban Forest] plan. A working group of the Urban Forestry Board has worked with the urban forester to develop a draft outline for this plan. The full board will meet to review the working group’s progress and provide input on the section indicated in the posted backup material for this special meeting.

- a. **Discuss and comment on the Six Vision Components listed in the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan Draft Outline to include goals, opportunities, challenges, and threats of each Component. Board members will have the opportunity to provide input on each aspect.**
 - i. **Vision Component # 1: Thriving (Definition: A thriving urban forest is one that is optimized according to site and ecosystem capacity.)**
 - ii. **Vision Component # 2: Contiguous Ecosystem (Definition: A contiguous urban forest is composed of interconnected, forested corridors for transportation, community, recreation and wildlife throughout the city.)**
 - iii. **Vision Component # 3: Healthy Ecosystem (Definition: A healthy urban forest is comprised of a diverse, native and uneven-aged palate of species adapted to the unique growing conditions of ecosystem types.)**
 - iv. **Vision Component # 4: Valued (Definition: A valued urban forest is recognized as an asset that is essential to the well being of the community and the ecosystem.)**

- v. **Vision Component # 5: Protected (Definition: Trees are protected through sustainable site design and land management practices so that long-term ecosystem health is maintained.)**
- vi. **Vision Component # 6: Cared For (Definition: A well cared for urban forest is proactively managed for health, longevity and safety.)**
- b. **Consider directing staff to compile comments generated from this retreat for the next working group meeting.**

IV. ADJOURN

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For more information on the Urban Forestry Board, please contact Walter Passmore at walter.passmore@austintexas.gov or by phone at 974-9545.